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NEW HEAD OF THE CUSTOMS

MR. F. W. MAZE

NATIONALISTS ACCEPT MR. EDWARDES RESIGNATION

I.G.'S CAREER

Nanking, To-day.
The Administrative Yuan of the Nationalist Government yesterday afternoon accepted the resignation of Mr. A. H. F. Edwardes, as officiating Inspector-General of the Chinese Maritime Customs. Mr. F. W. Maze has been appointed Inspector-General of the Chinese Maritime Customs.—Reuter.

The Antecedents

When Sir Francis Aglen was I.G., Mr. Edwardes was Chief Secretary. Before that (during the Shakes affair in 1925), Mr. Edwardes was Commissioner in Canton. On Sir Francis going Home, Mr. Edwardes was appointed acting I.G. by the now defunct Northern Government.

Mr. Maze has been Commissioner at Shanghai for some time. He is senior to Mr. Edwardes in length of service.

When Mr. Edwardes was appointed officiating I.G. by the Nationalist Government, a post was created, that of assistant I.G., to which Mr. Maze was appointed.

PERSONAL GRAVES

Prior to the Nationalist Government's appointment of Mr. Edwardes, it was known that Mr. Maze was persona grata with Nanking. Mr. Edwardes less so if at all.

Mr. Edwardes complained strongly about the introduction of the political element into the Customs service with its high traditions and sent in his resignation on Dec. 31, 1928. In the interval, the Nationalist Government, at the instance of the Finance Ministry, has deliberated the matter and accepted the resignation.

It will be interesting to see if an assistant I.G. will be appointed in place of Mr. Maze.

A BANISHEE

TELLS THE MAGISTRATE AN INTERESTING STORY

NOT YET SUBSTANTIATED

A novel excuse was offered by a returned banishee, who was charged before Mr. R. E. Lindsell this morning with being found in the Colony before the period for which he had been banished had expired.

The accused said that since he was banished he had become a seaman on a junk in Chinese waters, and had no intention whatever of coming back to Hong Kong. His appearance there was due to an unfortunate circumstance over which he had no control. He explained that whilst the junk was under sail on Monday, one of its masts snapped and it was forced to drift into the waters of the Colony for shelter and to effect repairs to the mast.

He was unfortunate to be arrested the same day the junk reached here and was unable to say if he had left again or not. He knew, however, that repairs to its mast were being made at Shaukiwan when he was taken into custody.

Asked by the Magistrate why he had come ashore at all, the accused said that his intention was to go to the Secretariat for Chinese Affairs to apply for leave to stay in the Colony for 24 hours whilst the junk was undergoing repairs.

Very Plausible

Remarkable that the accused was a very plausible man, the Magistrate inquired how the accused was arrested.

A Chinese detective said that he "picked the accused up" near the Shaukiwan market on information received. His informant told him that he had constantly seen the accused in Shaukiwan. When arrested, defendant did not say anything about a junk with a broken mast, but told the witness that he had come here to dispose of some sweet potatoes.

His Worship decided to give the accused a chance to prove his story and ordered a remand until tomorrow morning.

The accused was told that in the meantime he must go with the police and try to find his boat in Shaukiwan and get someone connected with it to come to Court to support his story. Falling this, the accused could bring up people who had repaired the broken mast.

His Worship added: If you can't do this then I shall know you have been telling a pack of lies, and it will be the worst for you.

HIS MAJESTY'S CONDITION

ON THE "UP-GRADE"

DOCTORS SATISFIED WITH PROGRESS MADE

FEWER BULLETINS

London, Yesterday.
A British Wireless message states:

The following bulletin was issued at 8.15 p.m. to-day:—The King has had a quiet day and the condition of His Majesty remains unchanged. No bulletin will be issued until to-morrow evening.

Signed: Stanley Hewett and Dawson of Penn.

It is understood that the King has passed a quiet night and that his condition to-day again remains much about the same. At Buckingham Palace it is considered that the fact that the King's condition is unchanged may be taken as a definite indication that he is on the up-grade.

The King's doctors have made it clear that they are satisfied as to his progress, for there will be no further bulletin until to-night.

With the exception of Christmas Day and Boxing Day this was the first week-day on which no bulletin was issued in the morning.

There were only two doctors at the Palace last night and a definitely more hopeful air prevailed.

AFGHAN AFFAIRS

REBELS ARE AGAIN BOMBARDED

NEGOTIATIONS CONTINUE

London, Yesterday.
An Afghan official telegram from Kabul yesterday evening states that the rebels in the Northern Province have again been bombarded by Afghan artillery and are dispersing farther north.

The situation in the Kabul provinces is normal.

The Governor of Jallalabad province is successfully continuing negotiations with the Shinwars.

Peshawar, Yesterday.
The arrival of lorries and camel caravans from the Governor of Jallalabad indicates that the road thither is improving. It is reported that King Amanullah has agreed to abolish conscription and to lift the ban of entry on foreign mullahs.—Reuter.

BIG ACTION

U.S. DECISION UNFAVOURABLE TO FRANCE

GOVERNMENT'S CLAIM

New York, Yesterday.
A decision unfavourable to the French Government has been given in the Federal Court in connection with an important action instituted by the Department of Justice in 1927 against French and German chemical concerns which the American Government maintained had been formed to control the distribution and price of potash.

The French Government intervened on the ground that the French Company concerned was largely owned in the French Republic and was therefore immune from legal proceedings.

The Court rejected the claim and decided that the case should proceed.—Reuters American Service.

NEW RUBBER MOVE

DUTCH PROPOSALS TO AMERICA

BRITAIN'S MONOPOLY

The Hague, Yesterday.

The Dutch banker, K. M. Kloppenburg is shortly visiting America in an attempt to secure support for the formation of an American-Dutch Rubber Trust Company. The aim of which is to make the American consumer and the Dutch producer independent of the British rubber monopoly. Kloppenburg last year submitted a rubber revalorisation proposal to the British and Dutch colonial offices and the Governor-General of the Dutch East Indies.

The new move follows the Governor-General's refusal to participate in the scheme.—Reuter.

ADMIRAL HOEKSTRA'S LANDING

AT QUEEN'S PIER

OFFICIAL VISIT TO LOCAL ADMINISTRATOR

GUARD OF HONOUR & BAND

Rear-Admiral A. ten Broeke Hoekstra, commander-in-Chief of Her Nederland Majesty's Naval Forces in Netherland-India and head of the Naval Department, paid an official call to-day on H.E. the Officer Administering the Government (the Hon. Mr. W. T. Southorn, C.M.G.) at Government House.

Rear-Admiral Hoekstra's flagship, the cruiser "Inva," arrived this morning and lied to a buoy in the Naval anchorage. Customary salutes were exchanged.

Consul Present

At 12 noon, Rear-Admiral Hoekstra landed at Queen's Pier, where he was met by Captain A. J. L. Whyte, Alde-de-Camp to H.E. the Officer Administering the Government, and Mr. M. J. Quist, Consul-General for the Netherlands, who wore official dress. The distinguished visitor was accompanied by the Flag Captain (Captain A. F. H. Dalhuisen) and his Flag Lieutenant.

The Band of the 1st Batt. of the Queen's Royal Regiment played the national anthem of the Netherlands, after which Rear-Admiral Hoekstra inspected the Guard of Honour, also furnished by the Queen's Regiment.

Rear-Admiral Hoekstra and his staff, Mr. Quist and Captain Whyte then drove to Government House. The ceremonies outside the Pier were repeated when Rear-Admiral Hoekstra disembarked to return to his ship.

Call Returned

H.E. the Officer Administering the Government returned the call and, on leaving the cruiser "Java," was greeted with a salute of 17 guns.

"Java" took part in the naval review at the coronation of H.M. the Emperor of Japan, and called at Nanking on her way back.

The stay here will be of six days' duration. Arrangements as to entertainment, etc., will be made after the return of H.E. the Governor (Sir Cecil Clementi, K.C.M.G.), by the "Empress of France." His Excellency is due to land at Queen's Pier at 6 p.m. to-day, but without any official function.

WRONG ADDRESS

CHARGES AGAINST A WATCHMAKER

COUNSEL'S ASSURANCE

Mr. C. A. S. Russ appeared before Mr. R. E. Lindsell at the Central Magistracy this morning to defend a Chinese whom he described as a respectable watchmaker.

The man, whose name appeared on the charge sheet as Mak Kit, was charged with (1) giving a wrong address when pawning six watches at the Lee Ching pawnshop, No. 84, Ming-creet, Shaukiwan; and (2) obtaining \$10 by false pretence by passing off a brass watch as gold.

Detective Sergeant McEwen, who had charge of the case, said in reply to the Magistrate that the police were unable to say that the watches were dishonestly come by.

Mr. Russ assured his Worship that the defendant was a respectable watchmaker and that the watches were his legal property. With regard to the false pretence, Mr. Russ suggested that the defendant did not tell the pawnbroker that it was gold, and the latter had taken it for what he thought it was worth. Bail was fixed in the sum of \$200.

SERIOUS CHARGE

ALLEGED UTTERING AND EMBEZZLEMENT

Yesterday afternoon, Mr. R. E. Lindsell committed for trial at the next Criminal Sessions, Lo Kung-pak, who, as reported in yesterday's "China Mail," was charged on three counts for forging a borrowing note, uttering the note and embezzlement of \$1,000; and three other charges of embezzlement of three other sums of money.

Defendant, who was a partner and manager of the Kung-pak-Yee-pak dealers, Central Street, was charged at the instance of another partner named Wong Shiu-chun.

The new move follows the Governor-General's refusal to participate in the scheme.—Reuter.

THE UNEMPLOYED PROBLEM

IN BRITAIN

BIG INCREASE AFTER CHRISTMAS

OFFICIAL FIGURES

London, Yesterday.

The Ministry of Labour announces that the number of unemployed on December 31 was 1,520,700.

This was 249,578 more than on December 17.

Compared with a year ago the increase was 184,897.—British Wireless Service.

IN YUNNAN

LATEST NEWSLETTER FROM SOUTH-WEST

AN INVASION RUMOUR

[From Our Special Correspondent.] Yunnanfu, Dec. 29.

A large party of missionaries left recently for the north of Yunnan province. As they were assured that the road was quite safe it is hoped that they have arrived at their destinations without mishap.

Rumours come in from the Kweichow border of a projected invasion of this province, but nothing very definite seems to be known.

FINE WEATHER

N.E. winds, moderate, fine is the forecast until noon to-morrow.

The anti-cyclone is central over the lower Yangtze Valley.

Fresh to moderate monsoon may be expected along the S.E. coast of China and over the China Sea.

DRIVER KILLED

RAILWAY ACCIDENT AT ASHCHEURCH

15 PEOPLE INJURED

London, Yesterday.

The driver of a passenger express was killed and 15 people injured in a collision with a goods train at Ashchurch, near Tewkesbury.

Two carriages of the express were overturned. Ashchurch is only 20 miles from Charfield where 15 were killed and 30 injured in a collision on October 18 last.—Reuter.

ERUPTIONS

Buenos Aires, Yesterday.

The death roll in the Chilean volcanic eruptions is expected to total about thirty.

The disturbance is now subsiding.—Reuter.

CONFISCATED

TEAHOUSE WAITERS' GUILD PROPERTY

COURT ORDER

An application under section 4 of the Societies Ordinance for an order for the confiscation of property seized in the administrative premises of the Teahouse Waiters' Guild, was made by Mr. T. Murphy, A.S.P., before Mr. R. E. Lindsell at the Central Magistracy this morning.

In the witness box, Mr. Murphy said that all the articles seized, a list of which was produced, were taken in the course of a police raid on December 28, 1928, and a statement to that effect had been made to the Central Magistracy.

The case was adjourned.

TOBACCO KING

New York, Yesterday.

The death is announced of Mr. Benjamin Duke, the millionaire tobacco manufacturer, Boston-American Service.

Defendant, who was a partner and manager of the Kung-pak-Yee-pak dealers, Central Street, was charged at the instance of another partner named Wong Shiu-chun.

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DAVIS DILEMMA

New York, Yesterday.

The closing rate of the dollar on demand to-day was 2/0.6/16.

His Worship decided to give the accused a chance to prove his story and ordered a remand until tomorrow morning.

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COMMERCE AND FINANCE.

STOCK MARKET
A REVIEW

The serious illness of His Majesty, the King, has had a depressing effect on London markets right throughout the past week, but notwithstanding, a fair business has been done, and a recovery has taken place in one of the new issues that have been depressed by forced sales on account of specula-
tors, says a home paper to hand.

In the Gilts-edged market, Consols are quoted at 56½ ex dividend; War Loan has been largely bought on foreign account, and has advanced to 102 1/16. The 4 per cent. Victory Bonds, Large and Small, are 94%; while the 3½ per cent. Conversion Loan is steady at 78 1/4; 4 per cent. Consols are quoted at 88 1/4; and Funding Loan is firm at 89 1/4.

Iron and Steel Shares: This market keeps dull, and business has been on a small scale.

Eastern Section

In this section, Chinese Engineering and Mining are a firm market at 58/cum dividend; Peking Syndicate are also firmer round 6/9-7/3d. Whiteaway Laidlow Ordinary are also a firm market, being wanted at 50/- Steel Brothers first Preference are steady at 22/6d, while the 2nd Preference have not been dealt in during the week, and are a nominal market round 25/- Singapore Traction Ordinary and Preference are rather easier, the shares being on offer. The Preference are offered at 18/8; while the Ordinary can be bought at 11/6d. Rangoon Electric Ordinary continue to be wanted round 36/- without shares offering. Bengal Iron are a firm market at 23/-.

Rubber Shares: The price of rubber has fallen back to 8 1/4d a lb. The London stocks for the week were returned at 16,855 tons, being a decrease of 1,869 tons on the week. The share business, however, has been on a small scale. Anglo Malay have fallen back to 16/8d; while Anglo Dutch are no better than 31 1/2; Grand Central Ceylon are easier at 32 1/2; while Malayalam are 29 9d; Rubber Trust, 38/- ex dividend; United Sul Betong are steady at 58; Jasmin (Malacca) are firm at 2/8; and Bukit Semambau are 1 1/4d.

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Great Western Railway Ordinary is steady at 78 1/4; while London Midland & Scottish have recovered to 60% while London & North Eastern Deferred are 11; Metropolitan are 64; and Metropolitan District 80%; Southern Deferred have appreciated to 29%; Underground Electric Railway 26/8d; shares are firmer at 26/9; while Ceylon Amalgamated Ordinary are firm at 8/9d; Jhansi to 5 1/2/32; while

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NOTICES.

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

ANNUAL RACE MEETING.

25th, 26th, 27th February and 2nd March, 1929.

DRAFT PROGRAMME and ENTRY FORMS are now ready and may be obtained at the Race Course, Hong Kong Club and Causeway Bay Stables.

Hong Kong, 16th Dec., 1928.

THE HONG KONG ELECTRIC CO., LTD.

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AS FROM JANUARY 1st, 1929 the Price of Current Supplied for the following Services will be REDUCED to 5 CENTS per unit:

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GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO., LTD., Agents, Hong Kong, 1st Jan., 1929.

THE HONG KONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an Extraordinary Meeting of the Shareholders of the Hong Kong and Shanghai Banking Corporation will be held on Saturday, the 2nd day of February, 1929, at 12 o'clock noon at the City Hall Victoria in the Colony of Hong Kong for the purpose of considering, and if thought fit, passing, the following resolution, viz:—

That the Directors of the Hong Kong and Shanghai Banking Corporation be and they are hereby requested and authorised by and on behalf of the shareholders of the Corporation to take all such steps as may be necessary for the introduction of an Ordinance into the Legislative Council of the Colony of Hong Kong and for the enactment of the same by the Governor of Hong Kong with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council thereof, in the terms of a print which, for the purposes of identification, has been signed by the Chief Manager of the Corporation, in substitution for the existing Ordinances (except as in such print is mentioned) and Deed of Settlement of the Corporation.

AND NOTICE IS HEREBY ALSO GIVEN that a further extraordinary meeting of the shareholders of the Corporation will be held on Saturday, the 23rd day of February, 1929, at 12.45, in the afternoon at the same place for the purpose of receiving a report of the above mentioned meeting and of considering, and, if thought fit, confirming the above resolution in accordance with Article 96 of the Corporation's Deed of Settlement.

Dated this 1st day of January, 1929.

By Order of the Directors,

A. C. HYNES,
Chief Manager.

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ATSUTA MARU Saturday, 12th January.

KASHIMA MARU Saturday, 26th January.

HAKONE MARU Saturday, 9th February.

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AKI MARU Wednesday, 23rd January.

MISHIMA MARU Wednesday, 20th February.

BOMBAY via Singapore, Penang, & Colombo.

AWA MARU Friday, 11th January.

† HAKODATE MARU Monday, 25th January.

SOUTH AMERICA (West Coast) via Japan, Honolulu, Los Angeles,
Mexico & Panama.

ANYO MARU Friday, 1st February.

SOUTH AMERICA (East Coast) via Singapore, Cape Town & Ports.

BINGO MARU Monday, 28th January.

NEW YORK via PANAMA.

† TATSUNO MARU Sunday, 27th January.

LIVERPOOL via Port Said, Geneva, Marseilles.

† DURBAN MARU Monday, 21st January.

CALCUTTA via Singapore, Penang & Rangoon.

† TOKUSHIMA MARU Tuesday, 22nd January.

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SHIPPING SECTION.

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SOME REASONS FOR THE DECLINE

LOAD LINE LAW URGED

The annual report of the United States Commissioner of Navigation, which shows a further decrease in the number of vessels of United States register, deprecates the fact that the country has no load line law.

According to the annual report of the Shipping Board, for every ocean-going ship built in the United States, fifty are constructed in Great Britain.

A steady decrease in the number of vessels flying the United States flag is reported by Mr. A. J. Tyner, Commissioner of Navigation, in his annual report to the Secretary of Commerce.

On June 30, 1928, the merchant marine of the United States, including all kinds of documented craft, comprised 25,885 vessels of 16,683,061 gross tons, of which 2,336 seagoing vessels of 10,882,793 gross tons were of 1,000 tons or over, compared with 2,447 vessels of 11,071 gross tons on June 30, 1927.

An analysis of the seagoing tonnage showed 1,934 vessels of 7,054,297 gross tons in private ownership, against 1,557 with 6,886,855 gross tons July 1, 1927, and 761 vessels of 4,110,061 gross tons owned by the United States Shipping Board, against 875 vessels of 4,539,706 gross tons.

"There are now in operation 86 such sea-going vessels of 1,000 tons and over, aggregating more than 382,000 gross tons, and there were built during the past year 624 motor vessels with an aggregate of 43,859 gross tons. When our inspection laws were passed motor vessels were practically unknown, and in the interest of safety of life and property such large sea-going motor vessels should be subject to full inspection, equipment and manning."

Steady Fall Since 1921

"Since June 1, 1921, when our foreign trade tonnage reached its greatest volume, 10,699,696 gross tons," the Commissioner points out, "there has been a steady decline, until on June 1, 1928, it amounted to only 6,117,565 gross tons, a falling off of 4,682,051 gross tons. The decrease in the foreign trade is due principally to the scrapping of large vessels which belonged to the Shipping Board and to changes from foreign to coasting trade because of greater opportunities in that service."

Since June 1, 1921, the coasting trade, exclusive of the trade on the Great Lakes, has increased 2,558,041 gross tons. During the same seven years the total seagoing tonnage has decreased 1,979,684 gross tons.

During the year 969 vessels of 257,180 gross tons were built and documented, and on July 1, 1928, there were building or under contract to build in U.S. shipyards 483 vessels of 264,410 gross tons. The corresponding figures for 1927 were 882 vessels of 245,122 gross tons built and 280 vessels of 219,044 gross tons under contract to build.

The new tonnage include 12 steel passenger steamers of 74,258 gross tons, 4 steel cargo steamers of 32,228 gross tons, 2 steel tankers of 13,116 gross tons, and 1 ferry of 2,767 gross tons, aggregating 123,869 gross tons.

On June 30, 1928, the laid-up sea-going tonnage of the United States aggregated 760 vessels of 8,145,113 gross tons, as against 751 vessels of 8,033,452 gross tons on June 30, 1927.

Profit Through Excessive Loads Pointing out that the United States is the only maritime nation of importance that has not a load line law, but permits its ships to

it will be seen that the arrivals by ocean steamers are less than the departures. This indicates that more Chinese have departed for abroad than have arrived here. As the departures by river steamboats exceed the arrivals, it is presumed that such returning emigrants have gone back to the country forthwith, also that a number of transient residents in the Colony have also returned to "up-country," an indication that conditions in the adjacent provinces have improved.

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The P. & O. s.s. "Kiddarpore" left Singapore for this port on Jan. 3 at 7 a.m., and is due here to-morrow at about 6 a.m.

The C.P.S. R.M.S. "Empress of France" is due at Hong Kong this afternoon, and leaves Hong Kong to-morrow at 6 p.m.

The E. & O. s.s. "Benfrackie" from Middlesbrough, London, Straits and Philippines, is due to arrive here on Jan. 17.

The M.V. "Nippon" (Swedish East Asiatic Co., Ltd.), left Dunkirk on Dec. 24, and is due here on or about Jan. 31.

The C.P.S. R.M.S. "Empress of Australia" left Suez on Jan. 1 at 7 p.m., is due at Bombay on Jan. 10 at 7 a.m., and is expected here on Feb. 18 at 8 a.m.

Projected departures from Hong Kong of steamers under the management of the Bank Line, Ltd., are as follows:

Sailings From Hong Kong
S.S. "City of Peking" from Europe, January 25.

S.S. "City of Peking" from Shanghai and Japan ports, January 25.

S.S. "Empress of Asia" from New York, February 1.

S.S. "Roberts" Saigon, February 3.

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ALIPORE	5,273	24th Jan. 2nd Feb.	Straits, Colombo & Bombay. Bombay, Marseilles & London.
MOREA	10,953	7th Feb.	Straits, Colombo & Bombay.
KIDDERPORE	5,334	10th Feb.	Marseilles, London & Hull.
KASHGAR	9,005	13th Feb.	M'selles, London & Hamburg.
MACEDONIA	11,120	2nd Mar.	M'selles, London, A'werp, R'dam & Hamburg.
PADUA	6,907	9th Mar.	M'selles, London, A'werp, R'dam & Hamburg.

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BRITISH INDIA-APCAR SAILINGS.

SANTHIA	7,754	29th Jan.	Singapore, Penang & Calcutta.
TILAWA	10,906	5th Feb.	Singapore, Penang & Calcutta.
TAKLIMA	7,932	12th Feb.	Singapore, Penang & Calcutta.
TAKADA	6,549	18th Feb.	Singapore, Penang & Calcutta.
TALAMBA	8,018	4th Mar.	Singapore, Penang & Calcutta.

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EASTERN & AUSTRALIAN SAILINGS (South).

AKAFUTA	6,000	1st Feb.	Manila, Sandakan, Thursday Island, & Townsville, Brisbane, Sydney & Melbourne.
TANDA	6,555	1st Mar.	
ST. ALBANS	4,500	80th Mar.	

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KIDDERPORE	5,334	11th Jan.	Moji & Kobe.
TILAWA	10,006	14th Jan.	Amoy, S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Osaka.
KASHGAR	9,005	15th Jan.	Shai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
PADUA	5,007	24th Jan.	Shai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
TAKLIMA	7,932	20th Jan.	Amoy, Moji, Kobe & Osaka.
TAKADA	6,549	25th Jan.	Amoy, Moji, Kobe & Osaka.
MIRZAPORE	6,715	29th Jan.	Moji & Kobe.
MACEDONIA	11,120	1st Feb.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
TANIA	6,055	6th Feb.	Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Yokohama.
TALAMBA	8,018	12th Feb.	Amoy, Moji, Kobe & Osaka.
KIWA	6,195	15th Feb.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
TAKADA	10,000	18th Feb.	Amoy, Shai, Moji, Kobe & Osaka.
MALWA	10,986	1st Mar.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
“NAGORE	5,283	4th Mar.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
ST. ALBANS	4,500	5th Mar.	Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Yokohama.
KHYBER	9,114	8th Mar.	Shanghai.
NALDEA	10,083	15th Mar.	Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama.

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His Lordship said he regretted that plaintiffs should have to suffer as much as they had because they had acted in perfectly good faith, but he did not think they had brought the liability home to the defendant.

Mr. H. G. Sheldon (Instructed by Mr. F. H. Loseby) was for plaintiffs. Mr. C. G. Alabaster, O.B.E., K.C. (Instructed by Mr. F. X. d'Almeida) was for defendant.

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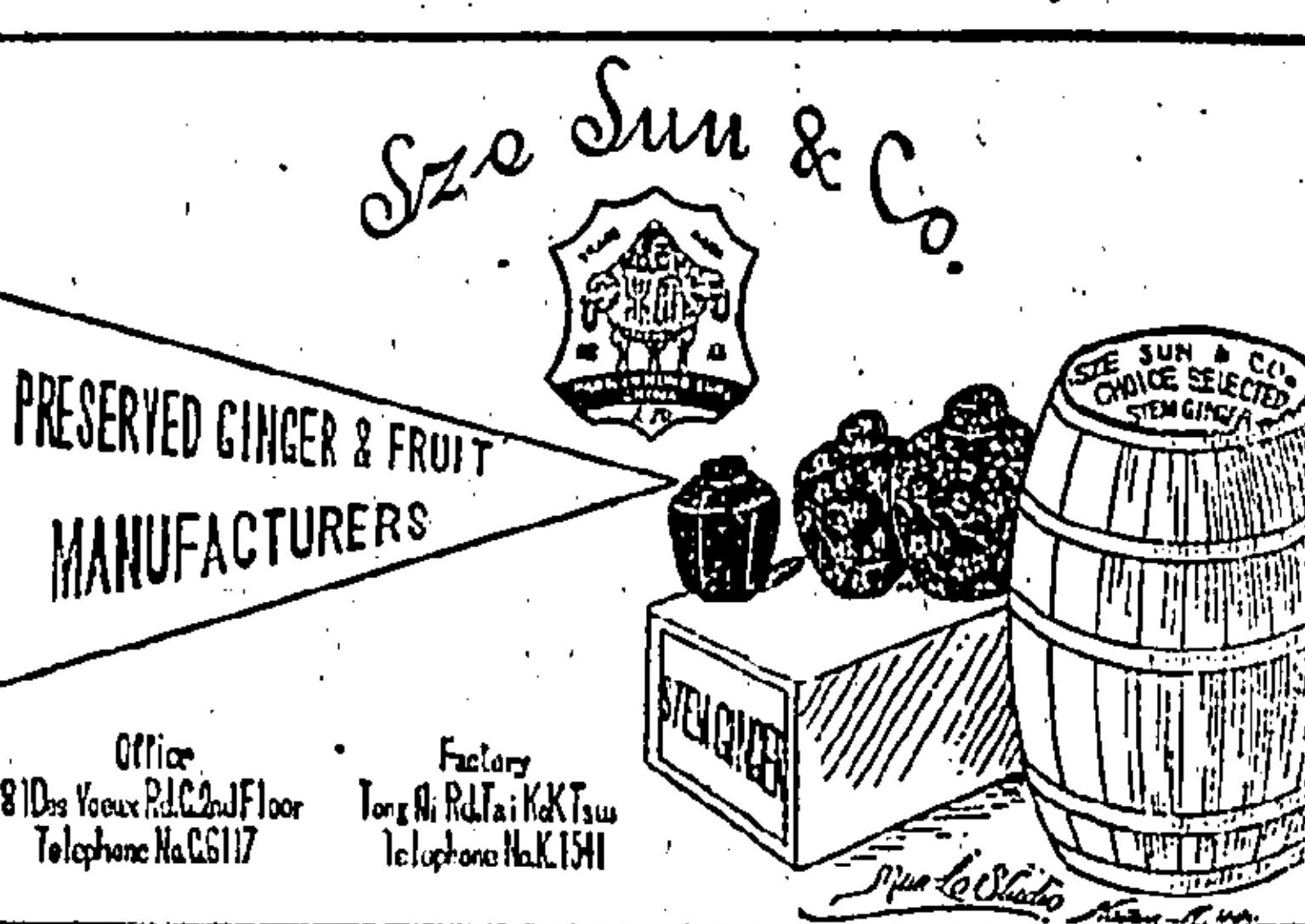
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Hong Kong, Wednesday, Jan. 9, 1929.

HIS MAJESTY'S HEALTH.

It would now seem to be the case that His Majesty the King, despite his very trying and painful experiences of the past few weeks—six weeks to be precise—is really making progress of such a nature that seems to justify his medical advisers' belief that he is now decidedly on the "upward" grade. His loyal subjects at home and abroad will devoutly hope that the wish is in no way father to the thought and that the improvement which has now set in is likely to prove lasting.

His Majesty has certainly passed through a very severe ordeal and the manner in which he has borne up bravely points clearly to the fact that constitutionally he is sound and that despite his advancing years he is still able to resist a severe attack of illness. The latest bulletin—indeed practically all the bulletins of the past few weeks—have, without exception, pointed to this happy state of affairs. His Majesty has, of course, had the benefit of the best medical skill of the land; and the difficulties that have had to be coped with—and which have been gradually overcome—prove conclusively that the malady was of a highly complicated character.

No fewer than eleven doctors have been in attendance, at one time or another, and as all of them are specialists each brought his particular expert knowledge into play towards the task of bringing the royal patient back to as sound a state of health as might reasonably be expected in the circumstances. His Majesty is still far from being well. He

is, in fact, extremely weak, and even in the most favourable circumstances it can hardly be expected that he will reach anything like normal health for a long time to come.

Many matters have been made clearer during His Majesty's illness, and none more so than the fact that he is greatly beloved and even more popular than was generally believed. It has been made perfectly clear that His Majesty has greatly endeared himself to all by the quiet and conscientious manner with which he has discharged his multifarious duties. He has, more than most monarchs, passed through supremely serious national crises, and has emerged from them with enhanced reputation as a wise and helpful sovereign.

Well Done, Tientsin! To those who give any consideration at all to matters of this kind, it must have been a melancholy thought that, over the Christmas and New Year holidays and celebrations, and throughout that period of the fullsome expression of good-will and prosperity, there were in the Homeland just upon one million souls—miners and their dependents—in a state of destitution apart from what was collected for them through the Lord Mayors' Fund. And it must have been a thought more melancholy that the suggestion thrown out in the local Press that an appeal should be instituted was ignored. Tientsin, we are glad to observe, has not regarded the poverty of the miners so cold-bloodedly, in that the senior British journal of the Port—"The Peking and Tientsin Times"—has opened its columns for the acknowledgment of donations and an official of the Hong Kong and Shanghai Banking Corporation has taken charge of the fund—in the capacity of honorary treasurer. Around one thousand dollars had been collected by Boxing Day, and the fund was then advertised to remain open for another ten days, so there are indications that a tidy sum in all was received. Also, we are glad to note, the subscription-list, although primarily addressed to members of the British community, contains the names of Americans and Russians, as well as such organisations as the Tientsin Rotary Club and the London Mission.

Science is the widening thought of man, working on an hypothesis of universal intelligence towards universal intelligence, and religion is the soul of matter to the light and love of the infinite; on the heights they meet and are at peace.—Bishop Spalding.

The St. Joseph's College Old Boys' Association are holding their annual dinner in the Hall of St. Joseph's College on Wednesday, January 23. Particulars are asked to notify the Secretary before the 1st instant, so that there is still time for them to be well.

A branch of the Chartered Bank has been opened at Dairen, Dahliu, South Manchuria.

The Burns' anniversary dinner will be held in the Volunteer Headquarters' Hall on Friday, January 25 at 8 p.m.

Found guilty on a charge of failing to exhibit regulation lights on board on January 8, the master of a trading junk was fined \$5 at the Marine Court this morning.

The mistress and foki of a passenger boat who were charged with depositing rubbish in the harbour on January 8, were, this morning, each fined \$5 at the Marine Court.

Pleading guilty to a charge of carrying cargo—30 tons of petrol—contrary to the harbour regulations, on board a passenger boat, the mistress of the boat was fined \$20 or three weeks' hard labour, by Comdr. G. F. Hole, R.N., at the Marine Court this morning.

We have received from the American Express Co. a beautiful calendar illustrating a painting from the brush of Walter L. Greene, Westbound Bound, in the Mohawk Valley which depicts the "Twentieth Century Limited," (New York Central Lines) at sunset speeding on its way from New York to Chicago through the historic and beautiful valley of Mohawk.

The s.s. "President Jackson" will arrive here on February 25 on the 1929 Oriental art cruise under the leadership of Dr. Herbert H. Gowen, of the University of Washington. The countries to be covered are Japan, Chosen, Manchuria, China and the Philippines. The party will leave Hong Kong for Manila by the s.s. "President Taft" on March 2.

A free lecture on Christian Science will be given under the auspices of First Church of Christ, Scientist, Hong Kong, by W. Stuart Booth, C.S.E., of Denver, (member of the Board of Lectureship of the Mother Church, the First Church of Christ, Scientist, in Boston, Massachusetts) in the old Chamber of Commerce Room, City Hall, on Monday, January 21, at 5.45 p.m.

CORRESPONDENCE

AT THE THEATRE

To the Editor of the "China Mail."

Sir—I agree with every word of "Play-Goer's" letter in yesterday's "China Mail." Some people—very many alas!—are simply unconscionable in occupying their seats so late when a performance is on. 9.15 p.m., which is the starting time of the present series of "Shavian" plays, should not be too late for most people; but for Peak residents, probably 9.30 would be more suitable. The 9 o'clock tram is the one in which most Peak residents rush down to the theatre, and its arrival at its destination, at 9.7 leaves little time to reach the theatre, for one to deposit one's things in the cloak room and to get one's seat comfortably. I think that, on the whole, 9.30 would be the most convenient time to start entertainments at the Theatre Royal, but it is possible that such a late start might mean too late a finish.

Yours, etc.,
THESPIAN.
Hong Kong, Jan. 9.

LORD TENNYSON

ELDEST SON OF THE POET PASSES AWAY

Lord Tennyson, son of the famous poet, died last month, aged 76, at his home in Freshwater, Isle of Wight. He had been ill for about a week with congestion of the lungs.

He was succeeded by his son, Hon. Lionel Hallam Tennyson, the cricketer.

Lord Tennyson was Governor of South Australia from 1899 to 1902, the first Acting Governor-General of Australia in 1902, the Governor-General from 1902 to 1904. He wrote a life of Lord Tennyson, the poet, and edited the Eversley edition of his works.

The new Lord Tennyson, who is 39, is the only surviving son, his two brothers having been killed in the war. He served from 1914 till 1918, was wounded three times and twice mentioned in despatches.

He played cricket for England

MACDONALD PLAYERS

MAN AND SUPERMAN AT THE THEATRE ROYAL

TOSPY-TURVY THEORIES

Mr. George Bernard Shaw, when he wrote "Man and Superman," some thirty years ago, must have enjoyed himself immensely. He had at the time, it would seem, quite a lot of topsy-turvy theories to let loose and, especially through the medium of John Tanner, he certainly "let himself go." The talkative Tanner is singularly reminiscent of Shaw in his Hyde Park days when, as a red-hot, red-haired, fiery Socialist, he denounced and defied the conventionalities to his heart's content.

In "Man and Superman" Shaw's chief concern seems to be to tell the world what everybody knew quite well enough—that if there were such a piquant personality as a "superman" then surely that personality must be "a woman!"

Alluring Ideas

So Shaw gives us a three act play all about this alluring paradox. Woman, not man, is the seeker in the mating business, the huntress impelled by the "life force," ruthless in her quest. Mere man is but a putty in her hands, believing, poor fellow, that he is the seeker, not the sought, deluding himself with the quaint conceit that he must do his utmost to please the delicious lady of his choice else he may lose her, all the while she, with subtle guile and wile, marks him down as her prey. Quite true, even though Shaw says so. Woman's tender, gentle and exquisite charm, sweet sympathy, ready and willing helpfulness, sound and sensible practicality, joyful happiness in prosperity, loyal devotion in adversity do not exist. So Shaw seems to think, but who thinks so with him?

Customary Ruthlessness

In "Man and Superman" Shaw proceeds with his fanciful theories with customary ruthlessness. It is all very amusing and Miss Daphne Carr, as Ann Whitefield, acted very ably. Hers is the outstanding part of the cast.

Mr. Terence O'Brien was much happier as John Tanner, the Professor of Phonetics, in Pygmalion, and rattled off his lines in great style. His reference to Polonius started us into thinking that he was under the impression that he was soliloquizing Shakespeare! Mr. O'Brien is a thoroughly experienced actor and, last night, was largely responsible for the delightful manner in which the play passed off. As Roebeck Ramsden Mr. Stanley Drewett had a part that suited him admirably and he played it excellently. He is a fine and finished actor. So also is Mr. A. S. Homewood who, as a disgruntled Irishman of U.S.A., was splendid. Special mention must be made of Miss Joan Blair's performance of Mrs. Whitefield, who appeared as a phenomenally old and, at times, a quaintly catish old lady. The minor parts were likewise capably performed, and the play, appropriately presented, afforded a pleasant evening's entertainment.

To-night, the Macdonald Players will present the well-known "Candida."

TERENCE O'BRIEN

Played in Hong Kong in 1912 with Matheson Lang

How many of Hong Kong's theatre-goers recognised in Mr. Terence O'Brien of the Macdonald Players here for the Shawian season, a member of Mr. Matheson Lang's company in the same theatre as long ago as 1912?

It needs an Irishman to interpret Shaw's plays and Mr. O'Brien does it so successfully that one would think he was as satisfied with his work as his listeners. But this by no means the case.

"I have been playing in Shaw's plays for five years," he said, when a "China Mail" representative had a chat with him yesterday, "but try as I will there are passages and words in some of my parts to which I have not yet been able to get justice. The correct intonation, the exact shade of meaning, escape me, and I shall not be able to hit it off if I live to be twice my years."

Favourite Parts

"My favourite Shaw parts are John Tanner in 'Man and Superman,' the artist Louis Dubedat in 'The Doctor's Dilemma,' and Napoleon in 'The Man of Destiny.'

In order to join the Macdonald Players I closed my production of August Strindberg's 'The Father,' a very sombre play, which attracted much attention in England. This was the actual London production from the Coventry and Apollo Theatres which I was touring with arrangements with Madame Miller's 'Moliere' and 'Malibran'.

A telegram sent to a newspaper reporting a railway smash read: "The line has been blocked by a sleeping saloon." When I received it read: "The line has been blocked by a sleeping saloon." The newspaper office boy sent the message back to the telegraph office with the quip: "I am not the only one who has been sleeping."

Mr. Shaw wrote me a very nice letter of appreciation when I left the Macdonald Players after my first association with them. I thought I wanted a change. I had not been in London four days when there came the offer of another engagement, but to my surprise I found I was wanted to appear in Shaw's "Back to Methuselah"; owing to another engagement, I also found myself unable to accept Sybil Thorndike's offer to play in "St. Joan."

This Tour and the Other
Asked to speak about the present tour Mr. O'Brien said:

"Shaw makes money. Shakespeare spells ruin" is a catchword among producers. This present tour is an educative one, and we are doing the spadework for future companies.

"We left London in October. We broke records in Colombo, Madras, and elsewhere. And we hope to reach Peking before turning back."

Mr. O'Brien has acted for Mr. Charles Macdonald on many previous occasions.

Some of the parts he played in Mr. Matheson Lang's touring company out here were Lorenzo in "The Merchant of Venice," Laertes in "Hamlet" and Brachiano in "Much Ado about Nothing."

He has had very extensive experience in principal parts, having been leading man in most of the Repertory Companies in Great Britain and in all the Repertory Theatres. He was at the Old Vic playing such parts as Othello, Hamlet and Petruchio, with Sybil Thorndike.

In South Africa

Some of his other work includes leading parts in Birmingham Repertory Theatre productions in London, notably the first production of "Back to Methuselah," Shaw's great play which took five nights to perform. He was especially engaged by Sir Barry Jackson to play Genesis in the only English production so far of "The Comedian" by Henri Gezon.

He also played for a long time Oswald in "Ghosts" in London and in the provinces. He was one of the leading actors in the first Benson-Shakespeare company, which visited South Africa, and he has been associated in London theatres with the late Sir Herbert Tree, the late Arthur Bourchier, Tom Walls and J. B. Fagan, under whose management he played Orsino in the production of "Twelfth Night" which holds the record for the longest run this particular Shakespeare play has ever had.

During the last few years, Mr. O'Brien played and produced in London, and finally last spring he went into management on his own account and took Strindberg's play, "The Father," into the provinces after its very successful production in London.

JUDGE'S DEATH

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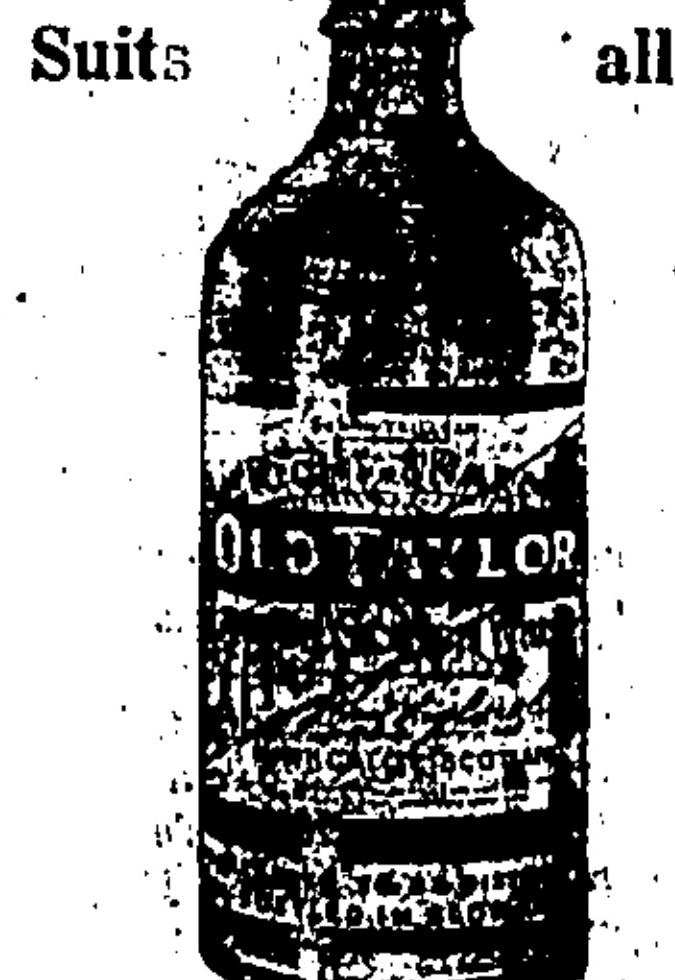
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RECREIO PLAYERS

PRESENT "WHAT HAPPENED
TO JONES"

GOOD PERFORMANCE

The Recreio Amateur Players scored a success at the Star Theatre, Kowloon, last night when they presented "What Happened to Jones," a farce in three acts by George H. Broadhurst, to a large and appreciative audience.

The happenings to Jones took place in the house of a Professor of Anatomy, into which Jones, a versatile pedlar intruded in the guise of a Bishop. Circumstances forced him to drop his professional role and impersonate the long expected cleric brother of the Professor. The Professor has three daughters, all with conflicting views, with the result that the situation bristled possibilities which were made the most of by the author and well played up to by the cast. The fun was considerably added to by the appearance of an old aunt who has great expectations in the outcome of the Bishop's visit. Her disappointment was the climax of a very merry play.

OFF WITH A SWING

The players all handled their parts with an assurance which showed thorough understanding, and the play went off with a fine swing from beginning to end.

Mr. Leo d'Almada e Castro, Jr., scored a success as an amateur performer in the roles first, of the bible seller and later as the bogus Bishop.

Mr. F. H. Barnes did well in the part of the old Professor, whilst Mr. Leo Guimaraes was convincing as Richard, the betrothed of one of the Professor's daughters.

The ladies in the cast all did exceptionally well. Mrs. Elfrida Osmund da Roza, and the Misses Sylvia dos Remedios, Alda dos Remedios, Olivia Barreto, Heraida Leite and Hetty Noronha all deserve much praise for the effective way in which they handled their respective roles. They created good impressions and contributed considerably toward the success of the play. Miss Hetty Noronha was amusing in the role of Helma, the Swedish maid servant.

Messrs. O. P. dos Remedios, Al. Alvares, J. E. Noronha and P. Nolasco da Silva, the other members of the cast also lent excellent support.

The stage settings were in the capable hands of Messrs. F. Baptista and J. C. d'Aquino, whilst thanks of the producers were due to Messrs. W. A. Hannibal and J. Robertson for assistance, and to Messrs. Lane, Crawford and the General Electric Co., for the loan of furniture and the provision of the necessary stage properties.

The play will be repeated to-morrow evening.

COLONY'S HEALTH**NOTIFIABLE DISEASE LAST
WEEK****SMALL-POX DEATHS**

During last week, 80 cases of small-pox were reported to the Medical Officer of Health, 19 occurring in the city, 59 in Kowloon and 2 from the New Territory. All of the victims were Chinese and one imported.

There were 48 deaths from small-pox during the week, which is a record since the outbreak of the disease in November last.

The following table gives the weekly total:

Week Ending	Cases	Deaths
November 3	6	0
November 10	22	6
November 17	31	9
November 24	17	8
December 1	33	26
December 8	61	16
December 14	91	29
December 21	81	22
December 28	78	38
January 4	50	48
Total	495	201

Last week's return of notifiable disease in the Colony was as follows:

Small-pox: 19 from the city, 59 from Kowloon and 2 from New Territory—total 80, 48 deaths during the week.

Diphtheria: 1 case from the city, and 1 from Kowloon—total 2 deaths during the week.

Encephalitis (typhoid): 1 case from the city, 1 from Kowloon—total 2, 1 (British) death during the week.

Puerperal fever: 1 case from New Territory—total 1, 1 Chinese death during the week.

Influenza (not notifiable): 1 death during the week.

At an additional grant of £300, it being made by the London County Council to the National Library of the Blind, towards the cost of the provision and distribution of books and audio-records for blind persons in the County of London.

G.K.C. A MONSTER

"LOOK ON MYSELF AS A
WARNING"

AMUSING QUERY

Oxford—Mr. G. K. Chesterton had a packed audience of undergraduates, when he spoke at the inauguration of a new undergraduate club, which is to be known as the "Charles Fox Association." The new club is to be political, but will adhere to no party. Its promoters, in a manifesto they have issued to undergraduates, state:

"The society stands for the propagation of a sense of proportion in national and international affairs. It appeals to that large body, which thinks that it possible to see two sides of the same political question—a body whose members have in fact joined all three of our political clubs and form the greater part of each of them."

In the course of his speech Mr. Chesterton said: "This huge problem which has arisen in our time concerning capitalism, machinery, big business, and all the rest of it, has arisen since the great cry for liberty burst from mankind in the eighteenth century. Is it possible to restore to the citizens that liberty which would have been called liberty by Fox, Jefferson, and Robespierre (who was a stupid but a good man)? Can we make them economically independent of the State and of the rich? The Socialist says that under Socialism there would be no rich, but I do not believe it. If you create a large body of officials, you will be obliged to give them motor-cars to get about, and they will be good motorists. You will have to give them expenses, and they will be liberal expenses. I think you will find in practice that the official class will be a rich class."

Mr. Chesterton was called upon to answer many questions.

An Indian undergraduate asked, amid laughter, "Is it for personal reasons that you are against large-scale production?" Mr. Chesterton said, "I look upon myself as one of those monsters, or abortions, brought forward in our time to warn people how far consolidation might go." (Laughter.)

WELL-BEHAVED BOY**IMPROVEMENT IN LAST
30 YEARS**

Mr. E. T. England, Headmaster of Owen's School, Islington, who is leaving in Easter to take up a similar post at King Edward's School, Birmingham, is a champion of the modern schoolboy, who, he thinks, is superior to the boy of thirty years ago in many respects.

"I think boys are much better behaved now than they used to be," Mr. England said during the weekend, "and the reason is that many more are receiving a secondary school education and staying at school until they are sixteen."

"There has undoubtedly been a great advance in the physical condition of English schoolboys of recent years. For this we have to thank the system of school medical inspections and gymnasiums."

"There is still room for improvement, however, and I do not think England will reach a stage of perfection in this respect until a national college of physical training, at which teachers themselves can receive instruction, exists. Such a move is at present under consideration."

THE "TALKIES"**MISS BALFOUR NOT A
BELIEVER IN THEM**

Vienna—Miss Betty Balfour, who has arrived here with Mr. Jack Trevor to appear in the new film "Champagne," which has been written for her, has declared very emphatically that she does not believe in "speaking" films.

"Neither she nor Mr. Trevor, who is to be her vis-avis, in "Champagne," has ever before been in Vienna, and before hard work begins they have been putting in all the time available seeing the sights. Climbing the cathedral spire over 500 feet high, was one of their first enterprises.

Diphtheria: 1 case from the city, and 1 from Kowloon—total 2 deaths during the week.

Encephalitis (typhoid): 1 case from the city, 1 from Kowloon—total 2, 1 (British) death during the week.

Puerperal fever: 1 case from New Territory—total 1, 1 Chinese death during the week.

Influenza (not notifiable): 1 death during the week.

An old woman was admitted to St. James's Hospital, Valencia, poorly clad, badly fed, and apparently very ill. She held tenaciously to an old crocheted bag with blue strings, and it was with difficulty that the hospital staffs could persuade her to leave it behind.

The contents of the bag were afterwards found to be a quantity of dried fruit, a tortoise-shell case containing a number of old bones, and a small quantity of dried

CLYDE'S CHANCES**COMPANY'S POLICY AND
PROGRAMME****POST-WAR VESSELS**

The tenor of the following statement would appear to indicate that the Clyde will again share in pending orders for Canadian Pacific Liners. The announcement of the names of the builders to whom will be entrusted the construction of the C.P.R.'s new vessels for the British Columbia coastal service will, it is expected, be made within the next fortnight.

"The society stands for the propagation of a sense of proportion in national and international affairs. It appeals to that large body, which thinks that it possible to see two sides of the same political question—a body whose members have in fact joined all three of our political clubs and form the greater part of each of them."

A Spur in Emigration.

Glasgow—A hint was given on board the Canadian Pacific liner "Duchess of Atholl," at Greenock, that the shipbuilding programme of the C.I.R. in this country, is by no means completed, and that the Clyde again might be expected to share in future orders.

The occasion was a visit of inspection by Pres. representatives to the recently built liner on her final trip to St. John, N.B., prior to proceeding, on January 4, on a cruise from Liverpool to South America and South Africa. The vessel is commanded by Captain Guy Hamilton, a native of Saltcoats.

In the course of the visit Mr. L. M. Duffy, agent in Scotland for the Canadian Pacific Company, mentioned that the many orders placed by the company with shipbuilding yards on the Clyde were an indication of confidence in the progress and development of Canada. The entire Dominion had participated in the wave of prosperity which had been dominant this year—a year which would be historic in the matter of industrial development in Western Canada.

A Record.

The present shipbuilding programme of the Canadian Pacific, he observed, had been a record in the activities of any steamship company in the world. Since the War the C.P.R. had spent 17 million pounds on new ships, including the recently ordered "Empress of Britain" and "Empress of Japan," and practically the whole of this gigantic total had been or would be expended on the Clyde. The 40,000-ton "Empress of Britain" and the 25,000-ton "Empress of Japan" alone would cost practically five million pounds, and in addition the "Empress of Canada" was now on her way over to the Pacific Ocean to Fairfield to be re-engined.

There was, therefore, some justification for the assertion that the C.P.R. was the best friend the Clyde ever had. He hoped within the next fortnight to be able to announce the successful contractors for the two new passenger vessels of 361 feet for the C.P.R.'s British Columbia coastal service. Scheduled were now issued, and there was every hope that the orders would come to Clydeside.

Alluding to future developments, he stated that the policy of the company was to keep abreast of the latest advances of marine architecture and engineering, and nothing but the very best in steamship design would suffice. Their aim, in regard to those older vessels in their service, which might at any time fall behind the high standard set by the company, was to supersede them by brand new vessels, replete with all the latest devices for speed and the comfort of the increasing ocean travelling public.

Big Orders Forthcoming.

In consequence it need not come as a surprise if they learned in the near future that further big orders were forthcoming. Their president, Mr. E. W. Beatty, seemed to have a special liking for the Clyde, and the Clyde products. As an earnest of future work, it was proposed an opportunity offered, to re-engine the three of their post-war Atlantic steamships.

With the many new schemes of emigration being formulated, coupled with Canada's record harvest this year, Mr. Duffy believed that 1929 would see a spurt in the emigration of settlers to the Dominion. With the reunion of families scheme, plans for the settlement of boys and the clamant need for land workers and domestic servants, there should be a decided influx in the numbers sailing from the Clyde next year. They had in addition schemes for the training of unemployed miners for settlement in the Dominion, and already these men were enrolling in satisfactory numbers.

MARSHAL LI

London—Yesterday Marshal Li Chinglin has arrived here from Canton to attend the Disarmament Conference. British Naval Wireless.

folded, and a quantity of laundry.

The gold embroidery on the uniform of the old regiment is definitely estimated.

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Sport Columns
TO-DAY'S SOCCER**INTERPORT PRACTICE GAME****LEAGUE MATCHES**

An Interport practice game will take place at 4.30 p.m. to-day, the following meeting a Royal Navy eleven on the H.K.C.C. ground.—

Clarke; Wynne (Capt.) and Lal Yuk Tat; C. F. Remedios, Hill and Heley; Larkin, A. Gosano, Gold-man, Suen Kam-shun and Rocha.

Interport practices will take place on the Hong Kong F.C. ground every Tuesday and Thursday under Mr. R. Campbell.

Trial games will be played on Wednesdays until the Chinese New Year. All games will be played on the Hong Kong F. C. ground.

Hong Kong League

Small Units and R. A. meet on the Sookumpoo ground in a Division I. League match at 4 p.m. to-day. Referee: Mr. F. Smith.

Mid-week League

(Kick-off at 4 p.m.)

P.W.D. Chinese v. China Athletic, China Athletic ground. Referee: Cpl. Shend.

Hong Kong Police v. Hung Kui School, St. Joseph's ground. Referee: Sgt. Bunting.

Lam Long Wan v. South China, Caroline Hill, ground. Referee: Cpl. Lees.

The above games complete the fixtures in the Mid-week League. Two games have been ordered to be replayed, South China v. Ewo and South China v. Hung Kui School. Dates to be arranged.

M.C.L. SOCCER MATCH

The special M.C.L. Football Match, The Army versus The Rest of the Colony, resulted in a sum of \$1,150.44 being handed over to the Ministering Children's League. The Committee are very grateful, to all who supported this match and helped to provide this splendid donation.

RUGBY

The Hong Kong Football Club (Rugby Section) will field the following team against Mr. Mattingley's Services XV. on Saturday at 4 p.m. at Happy Valley.—S. J. Fox; H. G. Mills, G. A. L. Plummer, H. V. Koop (Capt.), R. H. Dowler; J. L. Bonnar, V. W. L. Stanton; P. L. P. Thomas, H. F. Akhurst, W. Lithgow Smith, J. Riddell, E. R. West, B. P. Masey, W. Everidge, R. P. Moodie. Referee: H. F. L. Ewin. There will be a full practice tomorrow at 6.15 p.m.

That's a very promising lad.—Carpentier on Dave Forbes, the Scottish boxer.

Suzanne Retires

Mlle. Suzanne Lenglen. In a letter to French newspaper, the greatest of women tennis stars adheres to her determination to let her fame rest on the unequalled record of eight years' supremacy on the courts. Above, a superb action photo of Lenglen playing on a professional, and a portrait made on the occasion of her 23rd birthday.

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The following programme will be broadcast to-day from the Government radio station on the Peak, the wave-length being 300 metres. The call sign of the station is G.O.W.

5.30 to 6.30 p.m.—Demonstration Programme.

7.45 p.m.—Evening Weather Report.

8 p.m.—Evening Programme (H.M. & Victor Records).

"La Boheme," "Fantasia."

Victor Symphony Orchestra.

"Blue Danube," Waltz.

"Cavatina."

Organ Solo Arthur Meale.

"Going The Pace That Kills," John Henry. Comedian.

"Worryin,"

"Happy,"

Do Groot and The Piccadilly Orchestra.

"La Source Ballet," Band of H.M. Coldstream Guards.

"Senorita,"

"They Called It You," Melville Gleeson. Baritone.

"Gems from 'Rio Rita,'" "Gems from 'Maryland,'" Victor Light Opera Company.

"The Hair," Related by Bewick Rolland.

"I've Something In The Bottle,"

"Same As His Father Was Before Him,"

Si Harry Lauder.

"Ballet Egyptian Suite," Victor Concert Orchestra.

"Mrs. Cohen At The Beach," Humorous Monologue.

Fanny Brice.

"The Sweetest Story Ever Told,"

"Simple Aven," Neopolitan Trio.

"Vocal Gems From The Bohemian Girl,"

H.M.V. Light Opera Company.

"Shepherd Hey,"

"Molley On The Shore," Royal Opera Orchestra Covent Garden.

"Love Lies,"

"Just Like Darby And Joan," Organ Solo Reginald Foort.

"My Laddie,"

"Such A Lit' Fellow," Alma Gluck Soprano.

10 p.m.—News Bulletin.

"Stradella," Overture.

Victor Symphony Orchestra.

"Cohen On The Telephone,"

"Cohen Rings Up His Tailor," Tom Clare. Entertainer.

"Lohengrin," Prelude, Wagner, Philadelphia Symphony Orchestra.

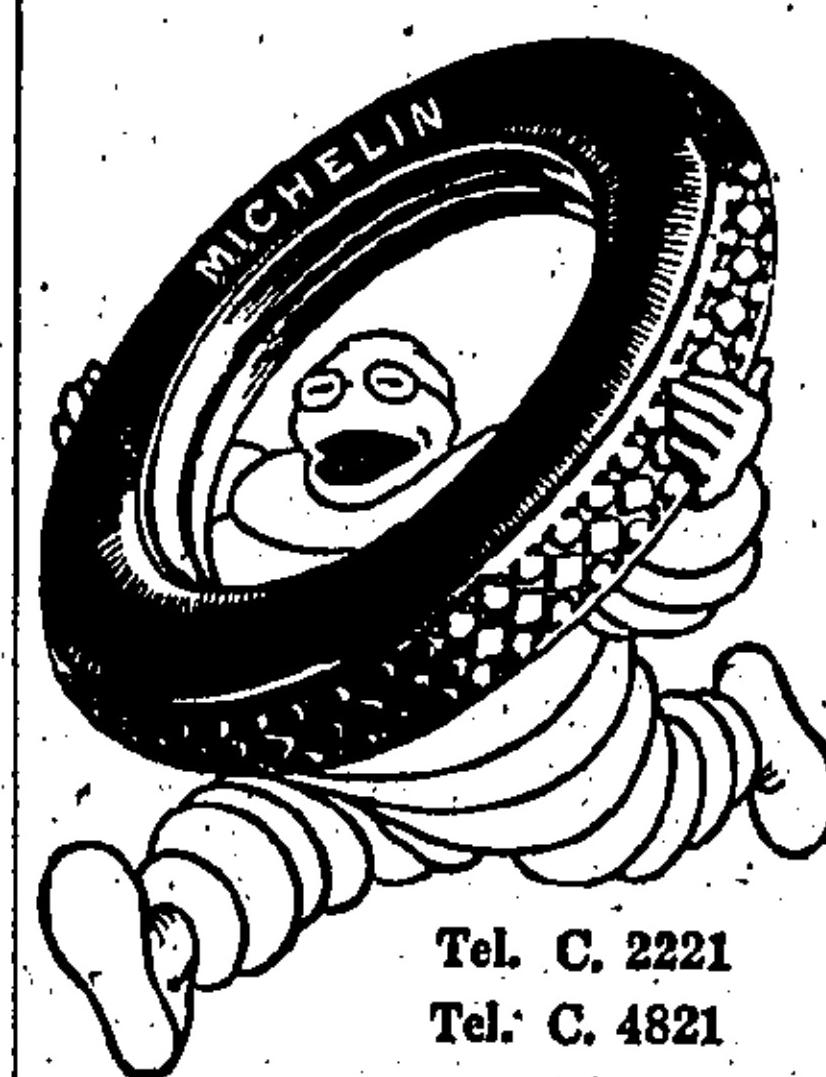
"The Monkey's Paw," Related by Bewick Rolland.

Dance Music.

God Save The King.

10.30 p.m.—Close Down.

Superintendent G. Knight is the new Chief Constable for Hertfordshire.



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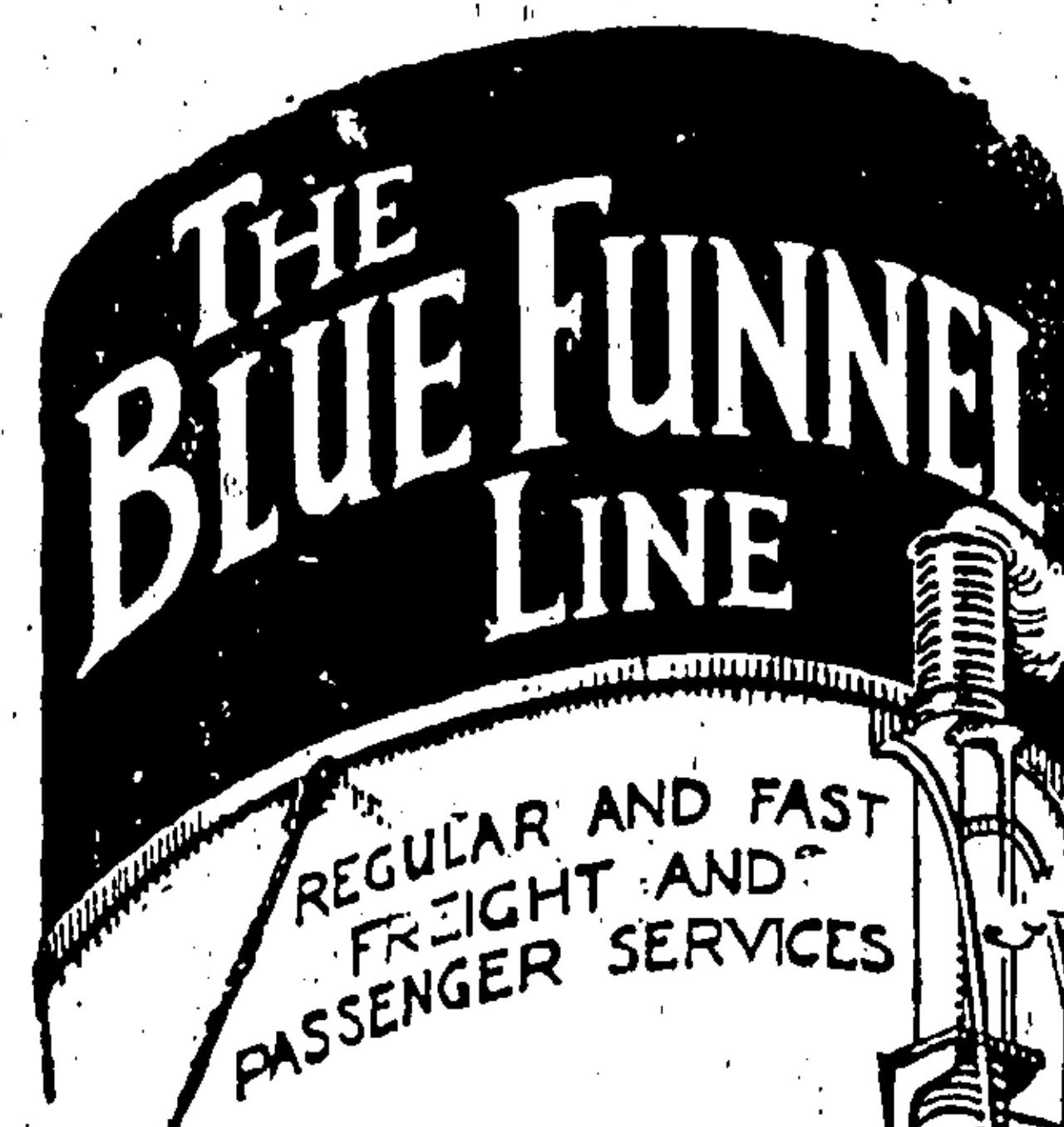
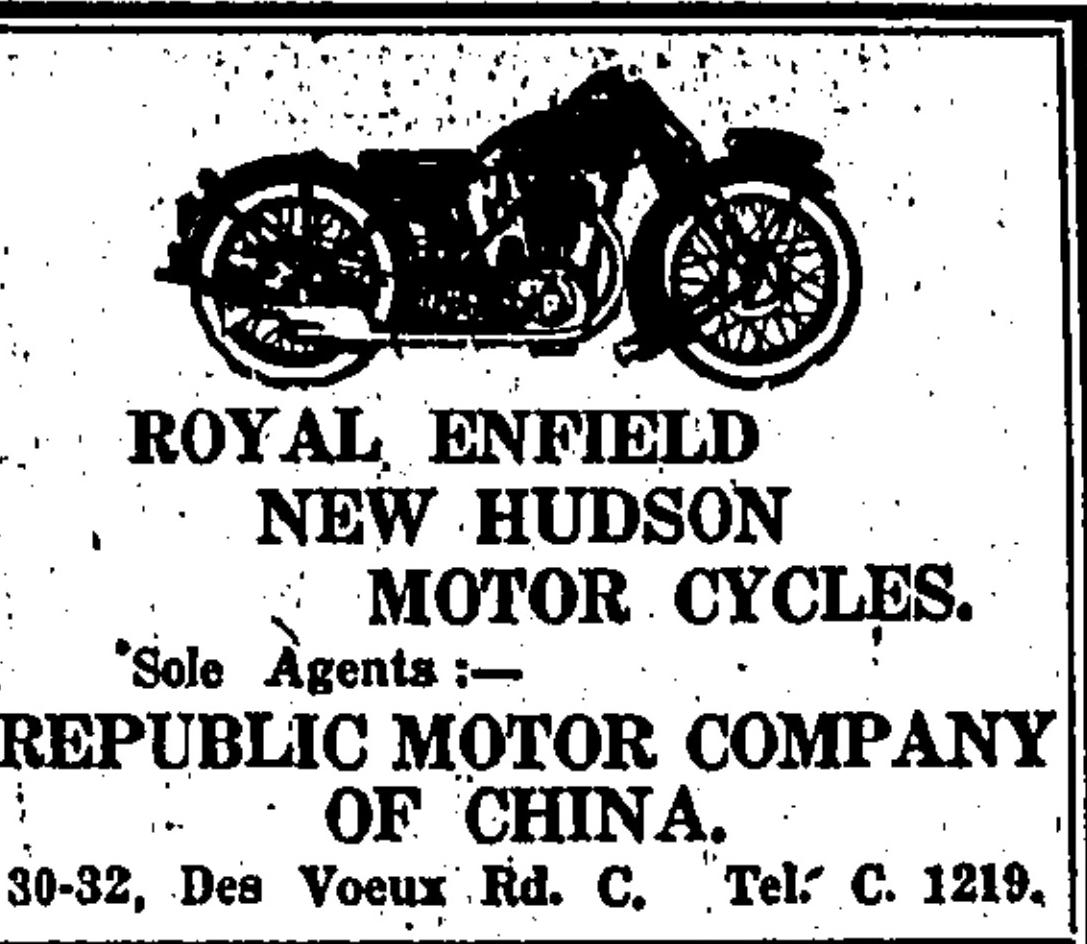
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INWARD MAIIS.

From	To	Per	WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 9.
Straits	Van Overstraten		
Canada, U.S.A., Japan, Shanghai and Europe			
via Siberia (London, 20th and 21st, Dec., 1928)	Empress of France		
Straits	Foochow		
Shanghai and Swatow	Szechuan		
Straits	Kidderpore		THURSDAY, JANUARY 10.
Shanghai and Amoy	Kiuksiang		
Japan and Shanghai	Atsuta Maru		FRIDAY, JANUARY 11.
SATURDAY, JANUARY 12.	Pres. van Buren		
Europe, via Negapatam (Letters and papers, London, 13th Dec., 1928)	Tilawa		SUNDAY, JANUARY 13.

OUTWARD MAIIS.

For	To	Per	WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 9.
Sam Shui and Wuchow	Kong So	4 p.m.	
Amoy and Formosa via Swatow	Deli Maru	5 p.m.	
THURSDAY, JANUARY 10.			
Port Bayard, Holhow, Pakhol and Haiphong	Hanoi	8.30 a.m.	
Shanghai and Europe via Siberia	Glenogle	10.30 a.m.	
Amoy	Chekiang	1.30 p.m.	
Swatow	Hydrangea	2.30 p.m.	
Straits	Seistan	2.30 p.m.	
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Manila	Empress of France	9 p.m.	
Japan	Kidderpore	5 p.m.	
Straits and Calcutta. Parcels Noon.			
Letters 1 p.m.	Kuttsang		
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	Haiyang	Noon	
Amoy	Foochow	5 p.m.	
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. & S. Africa, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles—due Marseilles, 10th Feb. K.P.O. Registration (Jan. 11) 4.30 p.m. Letters (Jan. 12) 9 a.m. G.E.O. Registration (Jan. 12) 8.45 a.m. Letters (Jan. 12) 9.30 a.m.	Atsuta Maru		
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Shanghai, Dalmay and Europe via Siberia	Kanchow	6 p.m.	

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WHY GERMAN FLEET REVOLTED

CURIOS STORY EX-KAISER AND HIS CHANGE OF MIND

THE KIEL OCCUPATION

The Amsterdam "Telegraaf" published a remarkable story of how, when the German fleet was ordered to attack the British fleet in October, 1918, Admiral Scheer only agreed on the condition that the Kaiser accompanied him on the flagship, and nominally assumed supreme command. The naval chiefs and Field-Marshal von Hindenburg supported Scheer, Admiral von Tirpitz emphasising that the presence of the Kaiser with the fleet would rally all sections to the throne. Scheer thereupon went to Berlin, where the Kaiser expressed delight with the idea, and said: "I cannot conceive a more noble death than at the head of the fleet in a last glorious attempt to defend our freedom and honour."

Scheer returned to Kiel to complete preparations, but just before the fleet was due to sail the Kaiser sent a message stating that he had decided not to accompany the fleet, but insisting on the fleet sailing.

Scheer tore up and burnt the message in order to prevent the Kaiser's "confession of cowardice" ever becoming known.

He also announced that he refused to sail. Instead, he occupied Kiel, and then the revolt of the navy began.

Scheer informed the Minister for Internal Affairs that he intended to occupy Kiel until a new Government was established, and added that the following inscription could be placed on the grave of the German fleet: "She chose disgrace, rather than to fight the battle of a coward."

RE-ORGANISATION

CHINA'S FIGHTING FORCES AND PLANS

Nanking, Yesterday.

It is learned that a proposal has been submitted to the Disbandment Conference asking for a complete re-organisation of all the arsenals in China. If the suggestion is adopted all the arsenals will be instructed to stop working, pending re-organisation along modern lines, under the supervision of foreign experts.

The National Defence Conference will be convened immediately the Disbandment Conference has concluded its sittings. Among the principal issues to be taken up will be the re-organisation of China's naval and air forces.—Reuter.

GENERAL DISMISSED

Nanking, Yesterday. General Chien Ta-chun, commander of the 3rd Nationalist army corps and formerly garrison commander at Shanghai, has been dismissed.—Reuter.

[General Chien fought loyally for Marshal Chiang Kai-shek's cause in Kwangtung and has been a firm supporter of Marshal Chiang.]

Captain F. H. Robinson, a master at Wycombe Royal Grammar School, has been appointed headmaster of Kimmel School, Abergavenny, North Wales.

TO-DAY & TO-MORROW

at 5.20 & 9.15 p.m.
With Orchestra



CHINESE PICTURE at 2.30 & 7.15 p.m.
"A LADY DETECTIVE"

AT THE MAJESTIC

VERY QUEER DIVORCE CASE

"MAN UNKNOWN" JUDGE COMMENTS ON LINE OF DEFENCE

FATHERLESS BABY

London.—A divorce which ended in the Court of Session, Edinburgh, was remarkable for a line of defence concerning which the Judge, Lord Moncrieff, said there seemed to be no previous reported example.

Mr. James Whitton Robertson, of Dundee, sought a divorce from his wife, Lizzie Eason Robertson, on the ground of her adultery with Charles Edwards, both of whom denied the charge. The hearing lasted a fortnight.

Lord Moncrieff, in giving judgment, said it was asserted that Edwards was not addressing unlawful proposals to Mrs. Robertson, but was courting the daughter of a widow.

Failure of that evidence would lead to a necessary inference of a most audacious conspiracy, and would have a disastrous effect on numerous other persons besides the individual parties to the defence.

Mr. and Mrs. Robertson were married in 1908, and Rhoda, the daughter, was born in the following year.

In December, 1927, Mrs. Robertson gave birth to a son, of which Mr. Robertson declared that he was not the father.

"A Certain Document"

The evidence as to a certain document in the case might be accepted as sufficiently displacing all the usual presumptions of propriety, character and conduct in the case of Mrs. Robertson. It was a document of which schoolboys would be ashamed.

It was stated by Mrs. Robertson that the document was copied out by her some years ago at her husband's request. Lord Moncrieff said he had no hesitation in regarding that as false.

Mr. Robertson, however, had entirely failed to connect Mr. Edwards either with the document or with the taking of a certain photograph referred to in the case.

In effect the defence was that Mr. Edwards' visits became more frequent under his growing affection for Rhoda, which matured into an engagement on Rhoda's birthday in 1926.

Lord Moncrieff commented on the great improbability of a girl professing affection for her mother's paramour to screen her mother's behaviour.

He granted a decree nisi, holding that Mrs. Robertson had been guilty of adultery with some man unknown.

He upheld Mr. Edwards' defence, dismissed the case against him, and granted half his costs.

NO CEREMONY

SIR CECIL CLEMENTTS LANDING

The Colonial Secretary states that His Excellency the Governor is expected to arrive in the Colony in the Canadian Pacific ss. "Empress of France" to-day and to land at Queen's Pier after dark.

His Excellency will therefore land without any ceremony whatsoever.

A display was given here, to which all foreigners were invited.

There was drill and singing by about 3,000 schoolboys and girls of different ages, but the most remarkable thing about it was that although they were arranged in thirty columns of 100 each, extending over a very large parade-ground, they were all controlled by one man with a whistle, and moved with absolute precision.

There was no word spoken or order given and the performance went right through without a hitch, in a most praiseworthy manner.

A display was also given by the artillery. Guns were placed in position and blank cartridges fired, but the number of very blank cartridges did not speak well for the country of origin.

How It Was Spolt

Unfortunately the whole display was spoilt by the very decided and continued anti-Japanese propaganda which was carried on during the afternoon, boys riding round the grounds all the time with paper flags on which were inscribed anti-Japanese remarks.

A large clay-figure was paraded, labelled in a similar manner, but more offensive.

There was an anti-foreign item, when a number of boys stood in two rows about 50 yards apart, one row holding small paper flags inscribed with remarks about the foreign treaties, and the others holding sticks with Nationalist flags on them, the procedure being that the boys with the Nationalist flags would run to the other boys and tear the paper flags off and throw them on the ground and replace them with Nationalist flags. It was all in very bad taste and quite unbecoming.

On the whole, the display was

EX-SERVICEMEN'S CRY FOR WORK ONLY IDLENESS

GENERAL'S BITTER DENUNCIATION OF DOLE

"IS NOTHING LEFT?"

"Our ex-servicemen ask for work, but instead they are served out with the iron ration of idleness," said General Sir Ian Hamilton in a forceful speech at a conference on unemployment held by the British Legion at Fulham in mail week.

"The very word dole gives us the shivers," he said.

"To give able-bodied men regular pay without asking them for service in return is to do them an injury. But why do we not ask for service? Did God make our islands so perfect that there is nothing left for us to do to them? Certainly not? They are not by any means as well shaped go they might be, yet we can employ thousands of coolies at Singapore making another Port Arthur.

"It does not seem to strike anyone that we might profitably employ fifty thousand or so of the men who won the Great War within our own borders.

"Some may suspect me of being swayed by Scottish sentiments when I speak of the Clyde and the Forth. Well, how then about that mighty river the Severn? Why not make the Germans are making the Shannon?

"When all this labour is sitting idle, is it not a God-given chance to harness the Severn tides?

"How about the old English Wash, which has been yawning in the face of the British Constitution for centuries; or how about planting a real forest over our dead coal pits, instead of nibbling at a lot of little woods?

"There is a Latin phrase which says: 'To pick up wrinkles from an enemy is good business.' If the powers-that-be will not heed their own countrysmen, let them not disdain to take a tip from the Germans, when their trade was down and out the Germans jumped at the chance of digging canals and of electrifying the countryside."

It was stated by Mrs. Robertson that she had no hesitation in regarding that as false.

On Christmas Day, an athletic display was given here, to which all foreigners were invited. There was drill and singing by about 3,000 schoolboys and girls of different ages, but the most remarkable thing about it was that although they were arranged in thirty columns of 100 each, extending over a very large parade-ground, they were all controlled by one man with a whistle, and moved with absolute precision.

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